

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, comprising:

a data storage device that stores digital data, said data storage device capable of storing digital audio data or digital image data taken in from a source outside of the electronic apparatus in accordance with the specific process;

a setting information storage device that can be mounted with a removable recording medium and stores information indicative of a setting of a set specific function in the removable recording medium;

a recording section for storing the information in the mounted removable recording medium;

a notification section that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of copyright protection for digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a function-setting section that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents of the message, notifies the user of a warning message informing the user that the copying of the digital data is permitted solely for personal use, and records information indicative of the setting of the set specific function to the received removable recording medium, said function-setting section sets the specific function upon the user inputting an instruction for setting the specific function;

an execution restriction-removal section that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stops the function of said notification section, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function; and

an inhibiting section that inhibits said notification section from notifying the user of the message upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section notifies the user of the message, in dependence on whether unauthorized duplication of digital data on which the specific process is to be carried out is inhibited.

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section displays a message concerning a copyright on a screen or notifies the message by voice, in response to an instruction for executing the specific process or an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording section stores the information indicative of the setting of the specific function in the storage device, in response to an instruction for storing the information.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said setting information storage device and said data storage device are an identical storage device that can be replaced.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, the data recording method comprising the steps of:

providing a data storage device that stores digital data, said data storage device capable of storing digital audio data or digital image data taken in from a source outside of the electronic apparatus in accordance with the specific process;

receiving the mounting of a removable recording medium;

storing information indicative of a setting of a set specific function in the removable recording medium;

notifying a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

setting a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user agrees to the contents of the message;

notifying the user of a warning message informing the user that the copying of the digital data is permitted solely for personal use;

recording, to the mounted removable recording medium, information indicative of the setting of the set specific function;

removing the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stopping the function of the notification section, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function, said step of removing occurs upon receiving from the user an instruction for setting the specific function; and

inhibiting the notification of the message once the user agrees to the contents of the message.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, the program comprising:

a data input module that causes the electronic apparatus to store one of digital audio data or digital image data taken in from a source outside of the electronic apparatus in accordance with the specific process;

a detection module for detecting a mounting of a removable recording medium;

a storing module for storing information indicative of a setting of a set specific function in the removable recording medium;

a notifying module that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a specific function-setting module that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents of the message;

a recording module that records, to the mounted removable recording medium, information indicative of the setting of the set specific function;

an execution restriction-removing module that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process, notifies the user of a warning message informing the user that the copying of the digital data is permitted solely for personal use, and disables said notifying module, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function, wherein the restriction is removed upon receiving from the user an instruction for setting the specific function; and

an inhibiting module that inhibits said notification module from notifying the user of the message once upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.

Claims 13-15 (cancelled)